

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles having atoms of a first element and atoms of a second element, wherein atoms of said first element and atoms of said second element are structured in a reversed micelle composed of a surfactant.

2. (Previously Presented) A method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles having atoms of a first element and atoms of a second element, said method comprising the steps of:

a first step of dissolving or dispersing a surfactant, a compound containing atoms of said first element, and a compound containing atoms of said second element, in an aqueous medium to obtain an aqueous solution or an aqueous dispersion;

a second step of adding an oily medium to said aqueous solution or dispersion to obtain a double phase contacting liquid in which an aqueous phase and an oily phase directly contact;

a third step of forming reversed micelles composed of said surfactant in said oily phase of said double phase contacting liquid; and

a fourth step of structuring atoms of said first element and atoms of said second element in said reversed micelles to obtain hollow polyhedral fine particles.

3. (Original) The method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles according to claim 2, further comprising a fifth step of separating and recovering said hollow polyhedral fine particles from said oily phase, after said fourth step.

4. (Previously Presented) The method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles according to claim 2, wherein said first element and said second element are the same element.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles according to claim 2, wherein said first element and said second element are different elements.

6. (Original) The method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles according to claim 5, wherein said first element is Cd, and said second element is Se.

7. (Original) A hollow polyhedral fine particle represented by the following chemical formula: $(\text{CdSe})_{33}$ or $(\text{CdSe})_{34}$.

8. (Previously Presented) The method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles according to claim 1, wherein said first element and said second element are the same element.

9. (Previously Presented) The method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles according to claim 1, wherein said first element and said second element are different elements.

10. (Previously Presented) The method for producing hollow polyhedral fine particles according to claim 9, wherein said first element is Cd, and said second element is Se.

11. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle comprising:
atoms of a first element, and
atoms of a second element,
wherein atoms of said first element and atoms of said second element are structured in a reversed micelle composed of a surfactant.

12. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 11, wherein said first element and said second element are the same element.

13. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 11, wherein said first element and said second element are different elements.

14. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 13, wherein said first element is Cd, and said second element is Se.

15. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 13, wherein said first element is selected from the group of Group II to Group VI elements.

16. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 15, wherein said first element is selected from the group of Group II elements.

17. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 16, wherein said first element is selected from the group of Cd and Zn.

18. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 15, wherein said second element is selected from the group of Group II to Group II to Group VI elements.

19. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 18, wherein said second element is selected from the group of Group VI elements.

20. (Previously Presented) A hollow polyhedral fine particle according to claim 19, wherein said second element is selected from the group of S, Se, and Te.